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*Dated the 3rd April, 1981*

To

All State Governments and Union Territories  
(Deptt. dealing with National Highways)

Subject : Erection of statues within National Highway land boundaries

I am directed to say that vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 13th August, 1976, instructions were issued that as a rule statues of political/religious or other personalities should not be permitted to be erected on National Highway land within 60 metres of any road inter-sections as such structures detract the attention of road users, affect visibility and cause crowding of people which may result in hazardous situations.

2. A question has been raised whether such structures could be permitted on N.H. land beyond the stipulated clearance distance of 60 m from any road inter-sections. In this connection, it is clarified that it has been the policy of this Ministry not to permit structures of any kind including statues within the N.H. land boundaries, have the ones required for the development, maintenance or operation of the highway or those for which specific prior permission has been accorded by the Ministry. Accordingly, it is requested that erection of statues and like structures should not be permitted anywhere within the N.H. land boundaries.
3. Contents of this letter may please be brought to the notice of all officers in your Department engaged on National Highway works.